Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 30 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 31 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 29 Mar 2021 at 16:44 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of any low cloud breaks on Tuesday and Wednesday, otherwise high for unsettled conditions. High for dry and colder weather later this week.

Headline for Tuesday 30 Mar 2021: Dull and windy with rain, heavy and persistent in the south and west. Driest in the northeast.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 30 Mar 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** High Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	50%	60%	90%	>95%	>95%

Forecast for Tuesday 30 Mar 2021

Weather: Most ranges will see t low cloud and rain throughout the day, heavy and often persistent across the south and west of the area. Drier with some cloud breaks and Ben Wyvis

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, best chance of clear summits in the sheltered east around Ben Wyvis

Visibility: Poor in extensive and persistent low cloud between 300 and 600 metres. Some breaks expected around Ben Wyvis.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	53/66 SW	52/65 SW	47/59 SW	42/54 SW	39/50 SW	37/48 SW	26/34 SW	12/17 NW	11/15 N
900	48/61 SW	46/59 SW	42/55 SW	38/50 SW	36/47 SW	34/45 SW	24/32 SW	11/16 NW	10/15 N
600	33/46 SW	32/45 SW	28/40 SW	25/37 SW	24/35 SW	22/33 SW	16/25 W	8/14 NW	8/12 N
300	10/45 SW	10/43 SW	9/39 SW	9/35 SW	9/34 SW	9/32 SW	7/23 W	4/12 NW	5/11 N
Glen	23/46 SW	21/43 SW	18/38 SW	16/35 SW	15/31 SW	14/30 SW	9/21 W	5/10 NW	5/11 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4	4/-3	3/-3	2/-2	1/-3
900	5/-2	4/-3	4/-3	4/-3	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-1	2/-2
600	7/1	6/0	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/2	5/2	4/1
300	8/6	8/5	8/6	8/5	8/6	8/6	7/6	6/5	6/4
Glen	10/6	10/6	10/6	10/7	10/7	10/7	9/7	8/7	8/6
Freezing Level*	2300m	2100m	2100m	2100m	2000m	2000m	1800m	1700m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Gusts to 70 mph on the highest tops

Forecast for Wednesday 31 Mar 2021
Weather: Cloudy and cold with outbreaks of rain and summit snow through the day, snow level gradually lowering to 800 metres before it dries up by late afternoon.

Maximum wind: Northeasterly gusts 30 to 40 mph on the tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%. Chance of some breaks across western Lochaber as winds become more easterly in direction and afford some shelter here.

Visibility: Poor in low cloud between 400 and 700 metres throughout. Clearer conditions spreading southwards from late afternoon and evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 2 falling to minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits falling to 600 metres by the end of the day

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